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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WILDLIFE ART OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 116]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 116) expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the “National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States”, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the concurrent resolution do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H. Con. Res. 116 is to express the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the “National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States.”

BACKGROUND AND NEED

The National Museum of Wildlife Art is a private, non-profit entity located just outside of Jackson, Wyoming, near the National Elk Refuge and Grand Teton National Park. The museum, which opened its doors in 1987, has a collection of nearly 4,000 works of art, including paintings, sculpture, and photography devoted to wildlife.

Although the museum is not affiliated with the Department of the Interior, the National Park Service has worked frequently with the museum on special exhibits related to the park’s history and resources.

Because of the museum's unique collection of wildlife art, and its location near Grand Teton National Park, H. Con. Res. 116 would express the sense of Congress that the museum should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States."

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

H. Con. Res. 116, sponsored by Representative Cubin, passed the House of Representatives by a voice vote on June 5, 2007. The resolution is similar to S. Con. Res. 6, sponsored by Senators Enzi and Thomas. S. Con. Res. 6 was favorably reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on May 23, 2007 (S. Rept. 110-100) and is pending on the Senate Calendar (Cal. 230).

During the 109th Congress, the Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on a similar measure, S. 2252, on April 6, 2006 (S. Hrg. 109-447). No further action occurred with respect to the resolution.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on July 25, 2007, by a voice vote of a quorum present, recommends that the Senate pass H. Con. Res. 116.

SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTION

H. Con. Res. 116 expresses the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States."

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out H. Con. Res. 116. The resolution is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of H. Con. Res. 116, as ordered reported.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Because H. Con. Res. 116 is a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress, the Committee did not request Executive Agency views on the resolution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by the resolution H. Con. Res. 116, as ordered reported.